

Workshop Agenda

6:00 PM	Welcome
6:05 PM	Updates
6:15 PM	Presentation
6:55 PM	Break-out Sessions
7:30 PM	Report on Discussions
7:55 PM	Conclusions/Next Steps

Discussion Topics

Tonight:	Bicycle Policy Intro to Traffic Calming
June:	Traffic Calming/Pedestrian
July:	Public Transportation
August:	Public Transportation
September:	Highway Connections
October:	Highway Connections

Update: April 26 Discussion Group

Traffic Calming

- Many Tools in Tool Box
- Best Practices from Other Cities
- Enforcement in Neighborhoods
- Education of Drivers & Pedestrians
- Funding

Bicycle

- Bike Elements in New Construction
- Bike Accommodations on Bridges
- Bike Lanes versus Wide Travel Lanes
- Bicycle Tourism
- Funding

Update: May 10 Discussion Group

Bicycling

- Interagency and Interdepartmental Coordination
- Bicycle Program Manager
- Phased Implementation
- Neighborhood Connections to Recreational Facilities
- Regional Connections and Facilities
- Funding

Bicycling in Boston

- BTD Roles & Responsibilities
- Boston Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Boston Bicycle Policy



BTD Bicycling Approach:

- Bicycles are vehicles under traffic regulations
 - Use of all public roads except limited access highways
 - Follow same traffic laws as motorized vehicles
- Designated & marked bicycle lanes are preferred on major roads.
- Employers and private developers must participate in bicycle program.

BTD Roles and Responsibilities:

- Streetscape Design Guidelines
- Education & Safety Curriculum
- Bicycle Parking/Accommodations:
 - Transportation Access Plan Agreements
 - Grants to Install Bicycle Racks



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Mayor Menino Creates Boston Bicycle Advisory Committee

- November 1999 Executive Order.
- BBAC subcommittee formed to develop bicycle plan.
- Key role of BBAC in future implementation of plan.

BBAC has Broad Representation



- Bicycle advocacy groups.
- Neighborhood residents.
- Resident from adjoining communities.
- Business community.
- City departments (Ex-officio)

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Boston Was the First Major Center of Bicycling Activity in the U.S.



- Lallement introduced “velocipede” in 1860s.
- Mass popularity of bicycle in 1870s.
- Columbia founded by Colonel Pope in 1878.
- League of American Wheelman in 1880s.

The Bicycle Network Consists of Roads and Paths




Education



- Educate children on traffic rules.
- Educate adults on effective bicycling.
- Educate motorists that bicyclists belong on the road.

City Bicycle Education Initiatives

Don't Be a Road Warrior




Bicycle safely.
Our reputation is riding on you.

Thomas M. Menino, Mayor
Andrea d'Amato, Commissioner

From A to Z by Bike
The comprehensive guide to safe bicycling
for kids and adults




On-Street
Bicycle Safety Curriculum




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Boston Transportation Department
Director of Safety & Compliance

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety
Manual for Trainers



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Don't Be a Road Hog



Share the road.
Bicycles are vehicles too.

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Enforcement



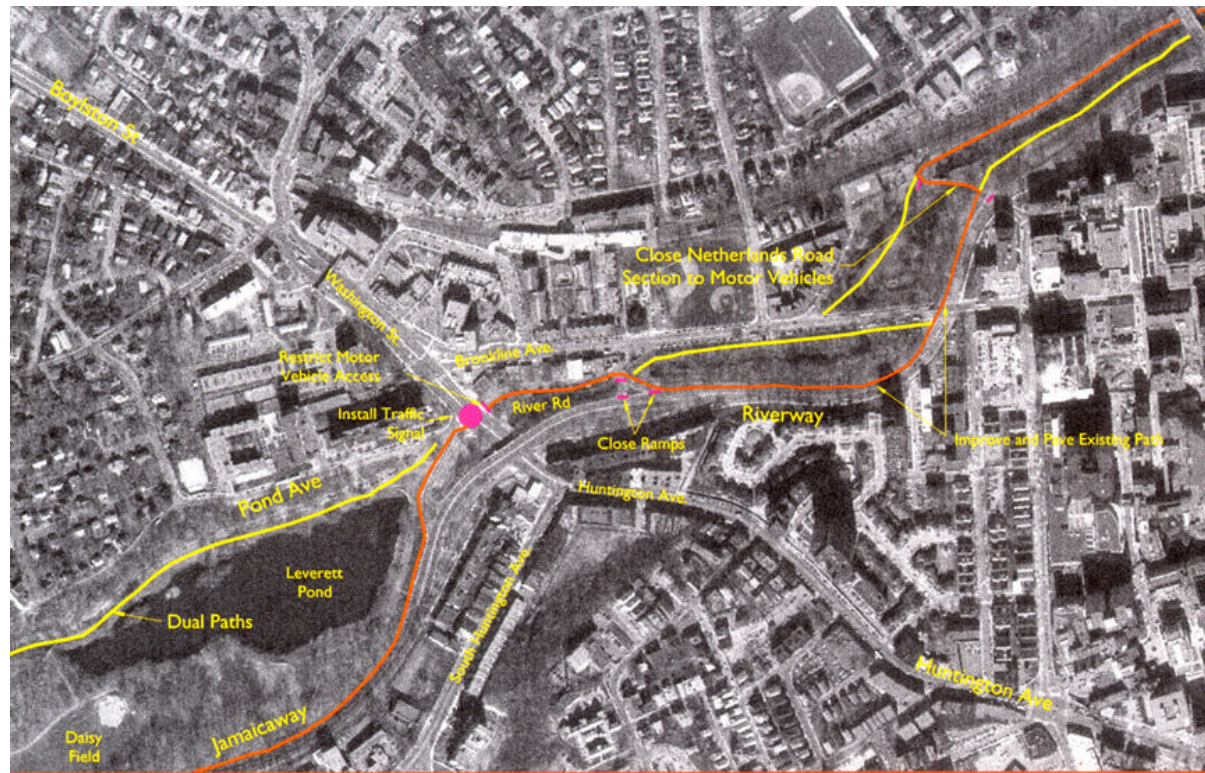
- Bicyclists riding in a dangerous manner
- Motorist violations that affect bicyclists

Bicycle Transportation Facilities: Planning



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- An aerial photograph of a city, likely San Francisco, with a red line overlaid on the map. The red line represents a proposed transit route, starting from the bottom left and extending towards the top right, passing through various urban areas and parks. The map shows streets, buildings, and green spaces. The red line starts near the bottom left, goes up and to the right, then turns left and goes up and to the right again, ending near the top right. It passes through areas that look like parks and urban centers. The background is a light blue and green color, representing water and land respectively. The red line is a solid, bright red color. The overall image is a presentation slide with a title and a list of bullet points. The title is 'Transit Planning' and the list has four items. The first item is 'Identify & prioritize improvements:' and it has three sub-items: 'Roads', 'Paths', and 'Intersections'. The second item is 'Determine feasibility & cost of improvements.' The third item is 'Pursue State & City funding opportunities.' The fourth item is 'Develop a business case for the project.' The background of the slide is a light blue and green color, representing water and land respectively. The red line is a solid, bright red color. The overall image is a presentation slide with a title and a list of bullet points. The title is 'Transit Planning' and the list has four items. The first item is 'Identify & prioritize improvements:' and it has three sub-items: 'Roads', 'Paths', and 'Intersections'. The second item is 'Determine feasibility & cost of improvements.' The third item is 'Pursue State & City funding opportunities.' The fourth item is 'Develop a business case for the project.'
- Identify & prioritize improvements:
 - Roads
 - Paths
 - Intersections
 - Determine feasibility & cost of improvements.
 - Pursue State & City funding opportunities.
 - Develop a business case for the project.

Emerald Necklace Improvements



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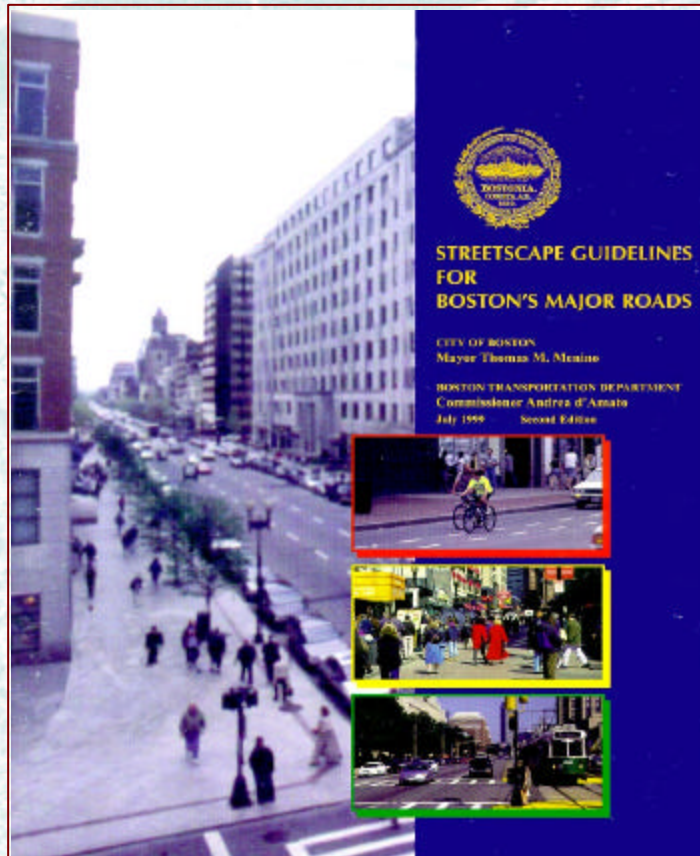
**Emerald Necklace Greenway
Improvement Plan**

Route 9 to Longwood Ave
Sheet 4 of 6



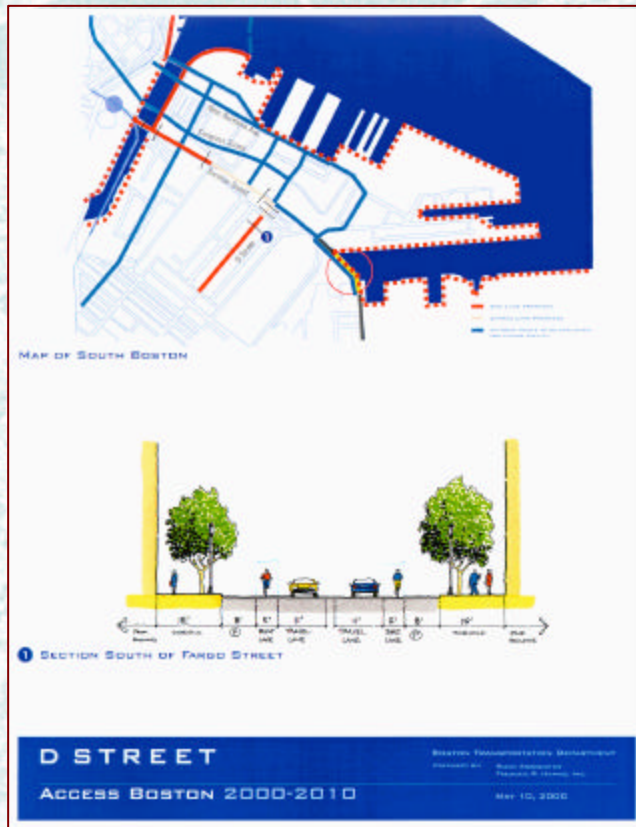
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City's Streetscape Guidelines for Bicycle Transportation Facilities



- 5 to 6 foot wide bicycle lanes or wide outside lanes.
- Loop detectors for bicycles.
- Bicycle safe drainage grates.

Bicycle Transportation Facilities: Design



- Develop additional design guidance for bicycle facilities.
- Institute formal review process to determine conformance.
- Identify & improve traffic signal systems to detect bicycles.

Bicycle Transportation Facilities: Maintenance

- Provide smooth pavement surfaces free of debris & obstructions.



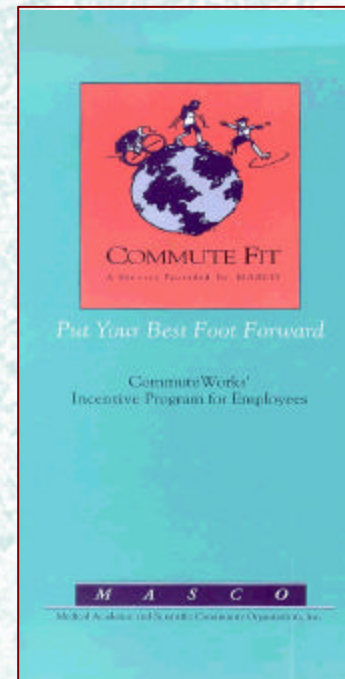
- Institute spot-safety program to address deficiencies.
- Ensure safe passage of bicycles during roadway construction.

Intermodal Connections are Important for Bicyclists



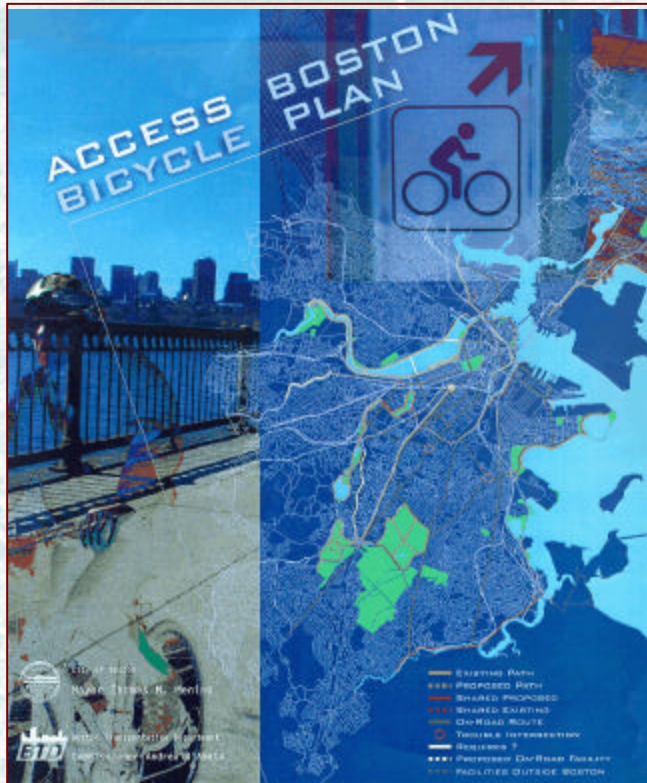
- Conveyance of bicycles on transit vehicles:
 - Trains
 - Local buses
 - Intercity buses
 - Ferries
- Bicycle parking at transit stations

Bicycle Promotion is a Public and Private Effort



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Boston Bicycle Plan Implementation



- Full-time bicycle program manager.
- Interdepartmental bicycle task force.
- Engineering feasibility studies of key corridors.
- Education programs for bicyclist/motorist safety & traffic enforcement.

Introduction to Traffic Calming

Two Part Program

1. Pilot Program is Underway

- Hyde Square in Jamaica Plain
- Lincoln Street in Allston
- Commercial Street in North End
- Additional locations are being selected

2. Citywide Traffic Calming Policy

- ACCESS BOSTON meetings in May and June
- Policy document similar to Major Roads Streetscape Guidelines

Proposed Criteria for Selection

- Respond to community requests
- Organized commitment from residents
- Technical analysis to measure need
- Provide citywide coverage
- Build on existing projects

Funding Challenges

Conclusion:

- Break-out Session Discussion
 - Bicycling in Boston
 - Traffic Calming Case Studies
- Report on Discussion